(c) whether Railways propose to operate trains immediately for Jaipur and Delhi at Chittor- Bhilwara-Ajmer-Jaipur section as they were running in the past; and

(d) if not, whether at least one train would be operated to save the passengers from inconvenience?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. ELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) At present, there is no proposal to introduce a train between Delhi and Chittaurgarh *via* Jaipur-Ajmer-Bhilwara due to operational and resource constraints. However, passengers intending to travel between Delhi and Chittaurgarh/Bhilwara *via* Jaipur can do so with a change over at Ajmer.

Poor amenities at railway stations

2069. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIHARISHRAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is cognizant of the poor amenities at the railway stations;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is planning public-private partnership in providing and maintenance of passenger amenities;

(c) if so, when such policy enunciated;

(d) whether relevant guidelines on the public-private partnership have been issued;

(e) if so, the details of obligations and revenue sharing arrangements under such partnership;

(f) how many private players have expressed interests in such partnership; and

(g) where have such partnership been operationalised, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. Passenger amenities have been provided at railway stations as per norms and are in satisfactory condition.

(b) Yes, Sir. Twenty two (22) metro and mini-metro railway stations have been identified for redevelopment as world class stations.

(c) In Supplementary Budget (Railways) 2005-06, policy on redevelopment of metro and mini-metro railway stations as world class stations was enunciated.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) to (g) Do not arise.

Upgradation/rehabilitation of bridges

2070. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has not been able to meet the annual targets set for the upgradation/rehabilitation of bridges despite downgrading the annual targets;